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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA MEDIA VISIT

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1. EMBOFF PASSED MESSAGE IN REFTEL TO EDWARD CLAY OF
FCO DEFENSE DEPARTMENT (YARNOLD IS ON LEAVE). CLAY HAD
JUST RECEIVED THE SAME NEWS FROM UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. CLAY DID NOT CONCEAL HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE
PROJECT HAS BEEN POSTPONED. CIRCUMSTANCES ARE FAVORABLE
NOW, HE SAID, WHEN GENERAL POLITICAL INTEREST IN DIEGO
GARCIA IS LOW. HE HOPES THE POSTPONEMENT WILL NOT BE
INDEFINITE AND THAT THE PROJECT CAN MOVE FORWARD SOON
AFTER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES OFFICE. EMBOFF SAID
HE WAS CERTAIN THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT LET THE PROPOSED
TRIP SLIDE AND MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF A HONG KONG
PICK-UP AS AN INDICATION OF CONTINUING US PLANNING.

3. CLAY'S OFF-THE-CUFF REACTION TO A HONG KONG PICK-UP
WAS POSITIVE. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD MAKE THE FLIGHT LONGER
AND PROBABLY MORE EXPENSIVE, HE SAID, IT MIGHT PROVE
MORE CONVENIENT FOR JOURNALISTS.

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